

HOUSE RESOLUTION 185  
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A RESOLUTION to commend Lottie Whitmore for her honorable and astute service to aging and ailing veterans as a volunteer at York VA Hospital.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Lottie Whitmore is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Whitmore is a highly respected member of the Smyrna community; and

WHEREAS, throughout her exemplary tenure as a volunteer at York VA Medical Center, where she is fondly known as "Zipper Lady", she has distinguished herself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to her community; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Whitmore was recently honored at the annual VA Awards banquet for her unselfish and unwavering devotion to serving those who have served to maintain the freedoms of this country; and

WHEREAS, while serving a likely all-time record of more than 12,500 volunteer hours, she has offered time and talent that are crucial to maintaining quality services at the hospital, and she has proved a vital link to the communities that the hospital serves; and

WHEREAS, of her uncommon service, Mrs. Whitmore says, "I see the need, and I feel the satisfaction I get from helping others. It helps the veterans, sure, but the special feeling it gives me inside, that can't be described"; and

WHEREAS, she volunteers with the VA because her son serves in the military, as his father did before him, but she also volunteers because of a sincere love for her fellow man; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Whitmore's remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to her reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and her uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, she is an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people whom life has treated unkindly, and she epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant, and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her work at the VA, Mrs. Whitmore has also volunteered for the Red Cross, Meals on Wheels, and the Smyrna-area Home Demonstration Club, among a host of other organizations; and

WHEREAS, her many accomplishments aside, she is fortunate to share both love and companionship with her husband, retired Air Force pilot Leon Whitmore, and their son, fighter pilot Jim Whitmore, who is currently serving on the front lines in Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, Lottie Whitmore is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby commend Lottie Whitmore for her 12,500 hours of honorable and astute service to the patients and staff at

the York VA Medical Center and salute her unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.